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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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v.

08 Cr. 181 (TPG)

6 MARIO LEVIS,
7 Defendant.
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Telephone Conference

10 Before:
11 HON. THOMAS P. GRIESA
12 District Judge
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14 APPEARANCES
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16 PREET BHARARA
17 United States Attorney for the
18 Southern District of New York
19 WILLIAM STELLMACH
20 Assistant United States Attorney
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22 ROY BLACK
23 Attorney for Defendant
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1 (Case called; in the robing room)
2 THE CLERK: Counsel, Judge Griesa is on the line.
3 Please state your name before you speak.
4 THE COURT: This is Judge Griesa. We need to fix a
5 trial date. Is there an agreement on it among you, among the
6 lawyers?
7 MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, this is William Stellmach
8 from the government. I think we have spoken with defense
9 counsel. We basically explained that we are available at the
10 Court's convenience. We are ready to go whenever you are.
11 MR. BLACK: Your Honor, this is Roy Black. If I could
12 address that for a minute. We have still some discovery
13 documents coming from the Federal Reserve I think that need a

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14 protective order. I start a trial January 11th, which is a
15 three-week trial with witnesses from Europe and what-have-you,
16 and the government is turning over materials to us 45 days
17 before trial. I understand your Honor has a short trial
18 starting March 15th. We would request March 29th or April 5th
19 for the trial.

20 THE COURT: How long will the trial take?

21 MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, William Stellmach again
22 for the government. Our best estimate I think is four to five
23 weeks for the government's case. We're hoping to do it in less
24 than that, but on a conservative basis that's our gut right
25 now.

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1 MR. BLACK: Your Honor, Roy Black. We agree with that
2 estimate. We think the trial will be four or five, six weeks.

3 THE COURT: Is it not possible to try it this fall?

4 MR. BLACK: Your Honor, we still have 55,000 documents
5 from the Federal Reserve, which is about 250,000 pages, that
6 has yet to be turned over. So we still have some work on
7 discovery. We don't want to engage you in that. I just
8 mention that because it will take us some time to get through
9 all this.

10 THE COURT: I have no problem with starting on -- I
11 think the date mentioned was March 22nd?

12 MR. BLACK: Either the 22nd, 29th, April 5th, any one
13 of those that would be fine with the Court is fine with us.

14 MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, William Stellmach again.
15 Our strong preference would be March 22nd, just to start this
16 and get it done.

17 THE COURT: It's a long way off. Let's set it. If
18 you need the time, you need the time. We'll set it for March
19 22nd.

20 MR. BLACK: Perfect. Thank you, your Honor. I think
21 that accommodates us just fine.

22 THE COURT: Is that all we need to do?

23 MR. STELLMACH: I think that's it, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you very much.
(Adjourned)

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